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### Nation



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Artist Willem de Kooning's "Interchange," a 1955 abstract impressionist composition, brought a record \$20.6 million at a Sotheby's auction in New York yesterday. The painting was purchased by Japanese businessman Shigeki Karneyama. The previous record price was the \$17 million paid in February by publisher S.I. Newhouse Jr. for Jasper Johns' "False Start."

### No 'People's Court.' The Supreme Court has affirmed its opposition to television cameras in its courtroom.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, in an Oct. 27 letter to Timothy B. Dyk, the lawyer representing a group of news organizations, said a majority of the court's nine members remains opposed to the cameras. Rehnquist did not specify which members were opposed.

**Rehnquist**

### Dann's parents liable. The victims of Laurie Dann's shooting rampage can go forward with their lawsuit against her parents.

Judge Donald O'Connell ruled yesterday that the parents, Norman and Edith Wasserman, might be partly responsible for their daughter's violent behavior. Dann

**Dann**

stormed and fired on an elementary school classroom in Winnetka, Ill., in May 1988, fatally wounding 8-year-old Nicholas Corwin and five other children. She later killed herself after wounding a seventh victim in a nearby house. O'Connell's decision denied a motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed by Corwin's parents and others charging the Wassermans with negligence in that they knew their daughter was dangerous but failed to get her help.

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## World

**Lasers fire.** A Soviet ship is suspected of shooting lasers at four U.S. aircraft in the Pacific in recent weeks, resulting in damage to the eyesight of an Air Force crewman, Pentagon sources said today. The actions occurred despite an agreement last summer by U.S. and Soviet officials to avoid such encounters.

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## Chuckle

Really hot pot: scaldron

## Tomorrow

## Life goes on

Down's syndrome is a challenge, but not a handicap for local families. Features. Don't miss an issue. For home delivery, call 426-NEWS from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# Honor system egg farm retires

## Family shifts hen house business after a couple dozen years

By SIMON SCHWARTZ  
For The News-Sentinel

BERNE — It's the end of an egg era on the Robert G. and Louise Miller farm. After gathering millions of eggs for 28 years, they've decided it's time to retire from the egg production business and end their honor system of selling eggs.

For nearly three decades, the Millers ran the egg business from a store attached to one of the laying houses on their farm northeast of Berne.

You could say the eggs sold themselves because the Millers didn't mind the store.

Customers would walk in, pick up their eggs and pay for them by depositing money in a drawer. If they needed change, they took it from the drawer, too.

The Millers sold hundreds, sometimes

thousands, of eggs a day on the honor system.

"Most customers are honest," Robert Miller, 67, said. "Although there were some, quite a few at that, who picked up their eggs and left without paying for them."

A few of those came back later to confess and pay up, he said.

"We could tell pretty accurately how many eggs went out without being paid for by comparing the money in the drawer by the number of eggs which went out that day," he recalled. "Some customers not only did not pay for their eggs, but took some of the money left in the drawer by honest customers."

But 98 percent of the customers over the years were honest, Louise Miller, 61, said.

Customers came from far and near, some buying only a dozen, others taking 15 dozen.

One man took three cases — a case holds 30 dozen — every week and distributed them to his neighbors and friends.

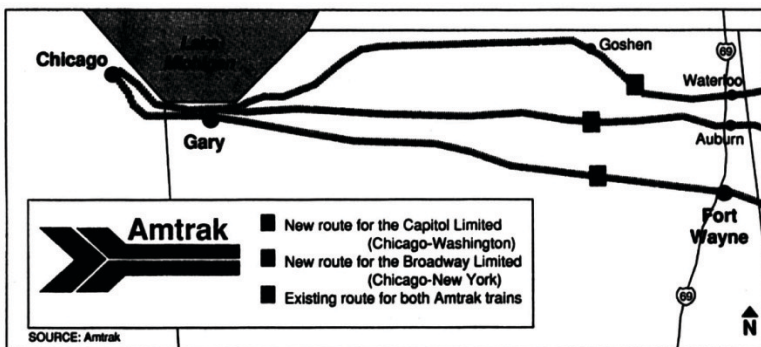
Most of the eggs produced for the store

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CARL HARTUP/The News-Sentinel  
After 28 years, Louise and Robert Miller are getting out of the egg business. They sold eggs under an honor system.

# Amtrak reroutes service



SOURCE: Amtrak BILL THORNBRO/The News-Sentinel

## Fort Wayne riders must take bus to track

By MIKE SANTE  
Of Our Washington Bureau

Any hope of fixing the peeling plaster and cracked platforms at Fort Wayne's crumbling Baker Street Station has faded.

After clearly signaling their intentions for more than a year and a half, Amtrak officials announced yesterday that the Summit City's last two passenger trains would be diverted to new routes north of Fort Wayne sometime next year.

The nationwide rail passenger system said it will maintain a ticket counter and waiting room somewhere in downtown Fort Wayne and bus local passengers to and from the nearest stops.

Passengers will be bused 30 miles to Waterloo to catch the Capitol Limited, which runs between Chicago and Washington, and 20 miles to Auburn, where they can connect with the Broadway Limited, which runs between Chicago and New York.

The bus will be free for ticketed passengers, and Amtrak says it won't raise fares to pay for the added expense of the coaches. But the rerouting will undoubtedly make any train trip longer for Fort Wayne passengers.

The bus ride probably will add about 45 minutes and it will take the Capitol Limited an additional half-hour to make its way from Chicago to Washington each day over the new route.

For the past 19 months the nationwide rail passenger service has been squabbling with Conrail over a 19.2-mile section of track between Gary and Val-

paraiso — an important stretch of the line to Fort Wayne.

During that time Amtrak repeatedly has warned the Summit City that the dispute almost certainly would force it to reroute the Capitol Limited and the Broadway Limited.

Yet Hoosiers from Capitol Hill to the City-County Building gasped when the railroad made it official.

Why?

The state's two Republican senators, Dan Coats and Richard Lugar, thought they had a deal with Amtrak: The rail passenger system would let them know before it threw in the towel.

"We had a clear understanding that the Amtrak was going to speak with the senator upon the conclusion of their talks with Conrail," said Curt Smith, an aide to Coats. Yesterday's announcement "came as a surprise."

Rep. Jill Long, D-4th District, discussed the Amtrak dispute with the senator upon the conclusion of their talks with Conrail, said Curt Smith, an aide to Coats. Yesterday's announcement "came as a surprise."

"We talked about this as an option down the road," Long said, "but he didn't talk about it as option coming soon. The impression I was left with was that no change was imminent."

Long then journeyed back to Indiana, where she consulted and plotted strategy to save the trains with Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke.

"In my meeting last Friday with Congressman Long, she said she had met with Amtrak officials and that there was no

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## No trains to city will hurt, workers say

By EUGENE P. FARRIS  
Of The News-Sentinel

A city the size of Fort Wayne shouldn't be without passenger rail service, say local Amtrak employees upset by the decision to pull the trains from the city.

"We're disappointed. We're disappointed that Fort Wayne is losing a train," said conductor C.L. Swihart after Amtrak's Broadway Limited pulled into the Baker Street station this morning.

"It's not so much as losing a job," Swihart said, "it's Fort Wayne will be without a train."

"We're not bad-mouthing the company. I just hope that public opinion will rise over this."

"If they let them take it out, they're silly," said conductor John Adams, who has been with Amtrak since 1986 and with railroads for 34 years. "The point is, Fort Wayne is too large a city to be without rail service."

"I think the public deserves a better shake than what it's getting," he said.

Instead of stopping in Fort Wayne, the Broadway Limited will stop in Auburn. The Capitol Limited will now stop in Waterloo.

Amtrak will keep a ticket office in downtown Fort Wayne and bus passengers to the train.

The new system will begin some

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ANGEL SHOOK/The News-Sentinel  
Doris and Francis Saylor arrive at Fort Wayne's Baker Street Station this morning. They rode Amtrak's Broadway Limited on their visit to Fort Wayne from Pennsylvania.

## E. German leadership scrambling

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
Of The Associated Press

BERLIN — Communist leader Egon Krenz has shaken up the country's leadership and promised swift and broad reform, but it remains to be seen if he is gaining enough credibility to prevent thousands more citizens from fleeing.

In a now-familiar sight, about 40,000 people demonstrated for free elections and an end to authoritarian one-party rule late yesterday in Neubrandenburg and near Karl Marx Stadt.

The exodus of thousands of East Germans through Czechoslovakia continued unabated.

"There's no end in sight," said Klaus Papenfuss, spokesman for the Bavarian border police in Munich. "We will reckon with another 10,000 in the next 24 hours." He said about 50,000 had arrived since Saturday, when the East Germans opened a route to the West for the



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East German leader Egon Krenz, left, is joined by Politburo member Gunter Schabowski as he talks to demonstrators outside the Communist Party Central Committee's building in East Berlin yesterday after the committee finished electing a new Politburo.

first time since the Berlin Wall went up in 1961.

Krenz took his most dramatic step yet yesterday to try to assert control and quell popular discontent by purging much of the old guard from the Communist Party's

ruling Politburo.

Krenz, 52, said he realized the party would not regain the people's trust overnight.

"The change that we want is by no means complete yet, and we

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## Comcast will raise rates, offer new cable package

By KEVIN KILBANE  
Of The News-Sentinel

Fort Wayne cable television subscribers will have to pay more for basic cable service starting Jan. 1.

Comcast Cablevision of Fort Wayne Inc. plans to raise its rates a maximum of about 5.6 percent overall, but final rates probably will not be set until about Dec. 1 and could be lower, said Michael Simmons, Comcast general manager.

Under worst-case conditions, rates for basic cable service would increase from the present \$18.50 a month to \$20.30 a month, an increase of about 9 percent.

As an option for cost-conscious consumers, Simmons said Comcast also will offer an economy package for a projected maximum cost of \$10.99 a month. The new package would give viewers access to 16 channels, including local commercial, public and public access TV stations, WGN, WTBS and the Weather Channel.

The current basic cable package contains 31 channels. Channels in the basic package not offered in the economy package include Cable News Network, ESPN, Discovery Channel, MTV, and Arts and Entertainment. Pay movie channels such as HBO and Showtime cost extra with both packages.

New subscribers will have to pay a mandatory \$50 hookup fee to get economy service, Simmons said. Current Comcast customers who want to change from basic service to economy also must pay the \$50 fee. Basic cable subscribers who want to drop a premium channel, such as HBO, will pay the standard \$15 change of service fee.

Simmons said Comcast must raise rates to cover increased operating costs.

Offering the economy cable package has required Comcast to shuffle channel numbers for some of the stations in its lineup. The changes take effect Nov. 20.